

I. General information

Thematic provisions	Not specified in the RDP (or other relevant official document).
Territorial provisions	TNC: rural territory (third country, non-EU), non-rural territory (EU MS), rural territory (EU MS) Inter-territorial cooperation: rural territory (EU MS), non-rural territory (EU MS) Eligibility of non—rural territories depends on the type of partner (rural, urban, multi-sectoral LAG, FLAG)
Potential partners	Local action groups Group of local public and private partners (non-LAG) in a rural territory implementing a local development strategy
Guidance in other languages / national language	Not available.
Eligible beneficiaries for cooperation projects	Local action groups
Coordinating/lead partner provisions	A lead partner is required for a cooperation project to be eligible for support.
Simplified costs	Not applicable
Calls	The Managing Authority publishes the call for cooperation projects. at least 4x / year in: mid February-mid March; mid April-mid May; mid June-mid July; mid September-mid October.
Project selection	The Managing Authority (MA) selects preparatory actions and cooperation projects. For inter-territorial projects (up to 15000 Euro) and for preparatory support the Paying Agency can also select projects.
Budget allocation for cooperation to LAGs	Cooperation projects, budget included, are managed at MA level.
Other provisions	TNC and inter-territorial cooperation are not integrated into the LDS.

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II. Financial information

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Total public expenditure	2 890 000 Euro
Maximum amount of support	3000 Euro / preparatory action 100 000 Euro / cooperation project
Minimum amount of support	Not specified
Maximum rate of support	100% for preparatory actions 100% for transnational cooperation projects 95% for inter-territorial cooperation projects
Other provisions	<i>5% match funding is required per inter-territorial cooperation project</i>

III. Preparatory support

Rationale/ purpose of the support	<i>To support the LAG in the preparation of TNC project</i>
Eligible beneficiaries	Local action groups
Basic eligibility criteria	Rules for applicants: a LAG can prove that it envisages to implement a concrete project; a LAG can receive preparatory support once per project and per programming period; a LAG has signed a letter of intent with all potential partners of the cooperation project; potential project is in line with the LDSs of all partners; all potential project partners implement LDSs; an applicant has no infringements related with the use of EU support over the past year.
Eligible actions	Meetings with project partners, participation at events
Eligible costs	Travel, accommodation, interpreters' fees, translation, rental of venue for events and meetings, catering, communication and postal costs, secondment costs
Non-eligible costs	Feasibility studies

IV. Inter-territorial Cooperation

Rationale/ purpose of the support	To support inter-territorial projects that enhance more effective implementation of the LDS in cases when local impact and resources are scarce and/or when the project goals require the participation and involvement of stakeholders at larger scale
Type of eligible territory	rural territory (EU MS), non-rural territory (EU MS)
Basic eligibility criteria	<p>An cooperation project can be eligible for support if the following criteria apply: a project should be submitted with at least one partner; a project coordinator is nominated for the project;</p> <p>an applicant has to submit partnership agreement signed by all partners and project description (where all partners are indicated);</p> <p>an applicant can prove that the project could not be implemented without partners; applicant can prove that joint activities will be carried out in the project; the results/added value of the project is important for all project partners and/or their territories (not for one party); project is in line with the LDSs of all partners; all project partners implement LDSs; a LAG can prove that it has financial resources (aid intensity is 95 %) to implement the project (the requirement is applied only for interterritorial projects);</p> <p>an applicant has no infringements related with the use of EU support over the past year; if economic project activities are foreseen - a business plan has to be submitted (inter-territorial cooperation).</p>
Eligible actions	Meetings, participation at events, publications, joint products, joint services, website, project coordination.
Eligible costs	<p>Rental of venue for meetings and events, telecommunication and/or postal services, translation, consulting, interpreters' fees, catering, accommodation, travel.</p> <p>Purchase of new goods (depending on the type of the project, only in cases when all project partners can use the purchased item(s), reconstruction of buildings (only in cases when all project partners can use it).</p>
Non-eligible costs	Real estate acquisition, new buildings, construction of temporary structures, second-hand goods, leasing, fines, penalties, development of e-shops, studies and research, archeological research, subscriptions to newspapers, paper publications (if they are the only result of the cooperation project and are not used during the implementation of the project), costs related with the preparation of the partnership agreement, grants, gifts, prizes.

V. Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

Rationale/ purpose of the support	To support TNC projects that enhance more effective implementation of the LDS in cases when local impact and resources are scarce and/or when the project goals require the participation and involvement of stakeholders at larger scale
Type of eligible territory	rural territory (third country, non-EU), non-rural territory (EU MS), rural territory (EU MS)
Basic eligibility criteria	For transnational cooperation the eligibility criteria are the same as for inter-territorial cooperation, except: Economic activities are not supported. If a partner is from the EU Baltic Sea Region, the applicant has to prove that the project is in line with the EU Baltic Sea Region Strategy.
Eligible actions	Meetings, participation at events, publications, joint products, joint services, website, project coordination.
Eligible costs	Rental of venue for meetings and events, telecommunication and/or postal services, translation, consulting, interpreters' fees, catering, accommodation, travel Purchase of new goods (depending on the type of the project, only in cases when all project partners can use the purchased item(s), reconstruction of buildings (only in cases when all project partners can use it)
Non-eligible costs	Real estate acquisition, new buildings, construction of temporary structures, second-hand goods, leasing, fines, penalties, development of e-shops, studies and research, archeological research, subscriptions to newspapers, paper publications (if they are the only result of the project and are not used during the implementation of the project), costs related with the preparation of the partnership agreement, grants, gifts, prizes.